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SUBJ: KAPUUNO MEETS WITH LEADING SWA NATIONALIST

1. CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUUNO, HERERO LEADER AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL CONVENTION, MET IN WINDHOEK SEPTEMBER 26 WITH DIRK MUDGE, LEADING MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SWA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THEN ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FOR SWA. JOINT STATEMENT RELEASED AFTER MEETING SAID KAPUUNO WOULD NOT ACCEPT PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR SWA BECAUSE IT NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HIS PEOPLE OR TO NC. KAPUUNO EXPRESSED DISATISFACTION WITH EXPULSION OF MORE THAN 200 BLACK PUPILS OF AUGUSTINEUM COLLEGE AT KATUTURA AND APPEALED TO GOVERNMENT TO LOOK INTO MATTER. STATEMENT ALSO SAID BOTH KAPUUNO AND MUDGE REJECTED VIOLENCE AS SOLUTION TO SWA PROBLEMS AND THAT THEY SUPPORT "CONTACT AND DIALOGUE AT A RESPONSIBLE LEVEL."

2. KAPUUNO LATER TOLD JOURNALIST THAT IN REFERRING TO DIALOGUE HE MEANT "INTERNAL DIALOGUE." HE SAID THE MATTER OF DIALOGUE WAS A QUESTION FOR NC TO DECIDE.

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3. COMMENT: EARLY THIS MONTH, BOTH MUDGE AND BILLY MARAIS,

PRIME MINISTER'S REPRESENTATIVE IN SWA, TOLD MUDGE ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH KAPUUNO AND THAT THEY HOPED KAPUUNO WOULD CHANGE HIS MIND AND AGREE TO SIT ON PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. ALTHOUGH AGREEING TO MEET WITH MUDGE, KAPUUNO OBVIOUSLY KEEPING HIM AT ARM'S LENGTH AND HAS NO INTENTION OF JOINING ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ESTRANGING HIMSELF FROM BLACK OPPONENTS OF SA RULE OVER NAMIBIA. IT IRONIC THAT KAPUUNO, WHO UNTIL RECENTLY WAS ANATHEMA TO SAG, IS NOW BEING COURTED BY SA OFFICIALS. BECAUSE KAPUUNO AND NC DID NOT TAKE ACTIVE PART IN RECENT UNREST AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN KATUTURA AND OWAMBO, SAG HAS COME TO REGARD HIM AS RELATIVELY MODERATE BLACK LEADER. IN ADDITION SAG WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE HIM ON ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THEREBY GIVE IT A LEGITIMACY IT DOES NOT NOW HAVE. KAPUUNO OBVIOUSLY UNWILLING TO PLAY THEIR GAME.

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